



VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON

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Canadian National Railway Congestion
Economic Impact Statement-Village of Barrington
Department of Economic and Community Development

- Barrington is the “commercial hub” for the Barrington area with a defined business area which reflects the historical character of the past and is progressive in meeting the needs of area residents. The “commercial hub” is the economic engine which serves residents of neighboring communities who use the Village of Barrington to buy goods and personal services: groceries, home furnishings, apparel, gifts, automobiles and other retail goods. It is the place to meet friends for coffee, lunch or dinner and to entertain business clients. The Village continues to undertake programs to maintain its competitive edge with the amount of retail and service growth in the surrounding areas. If congestion increases, as it will with additional train traffic, many of these residents in neighboring communities who utilize the Village today will look elsewhere to fulfill these needs. **Barrington is not in a remote rural area where people will just have to learn to live with it – this is a suburban area with other shopping options available. Any loss of consumer traffic will begin to erode our economic base and negatively impact the overall Village economy.**
- The Village of Barrington is also **the commuter transit hub** for the Barrington area serving over 1,700 commuters on a daily basis. Any time delays or congestion will have a negative impact on the local and regional workforce. Time is money to private business...increase congestion by road blockage and traffic flow will be a negative economic impact to our local and regional economy.

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